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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

This is a reply to a non-final Office Action mailed July 26, 2002. A one-month extension for filing a reply is hereby requested, making the reply due on November 26, 2002.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-25, 29, 36, 38-53, 57, 58, 60, 64 and 65.

Please amend the claims as follows:

26. (Amended) An apparatus for preparing specimens for parallel analysis of sections of biological material arrays, comprising:

a donor block holder for holding a tissue donor block in a donor position; and

a reciprocating punch positioned in relation to the holder to punch a tissue specimen from the tissue donor block when the donor block is in the donor position; and

a recipient block holder for holding a recipient block in a recipient position, wherein the recipient block comprises an array of receptacles, each of which is positionable in a preselected position in relation to the reciprocating punch to deliver a tissue specimen from the reciprocating punch into a receptacle in the preselected position; and

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